

Remarks

Claims 16-23 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 24-28 which overcome the several informalities noted in the Office action and more clearly define the invention and distinguish the same over the references of record. The cancellation of such claims further would appear to obviate the requirement of a terminal disclaimer. Favorable consideration of the newly submitted claims respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

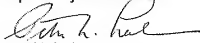
Each of the newly submitted claims provides for the cam elements cooperating with two fuel inlet valves of a single cylinder and the dispositions and configurations of the peripheral tracks of the cam elements varying. It is submitted that neither of the patents to Vignery or Phillips discloses or teaches such structure. The peripheral tracks of the cam elements of Vignery are identical and a different mechanism is utilized for axially displacing the shaft. It further is questionable as to whether the mechanism disclosed therein is intended to operate fuel inlet valves and particularly fuel inlet valves for a single cylinder. The Phillips patents clearly does not provide for a pair of cam elements cooperating with a pair of fuel injection valves of a single cylinder and does not provide for a variation of the configurations of the peripheral tracks of the cam elements.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that newly submitted claims 24-28 be allowed, and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.023.US0000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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